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HANZO'S TRIVIA
Tail of the Moon
Chapter 56

TAIL OF THE MOON EXTRA: TODAY'S MISSION

"I WANT TO SEE HANZO IN SCHOOLWEAR!"

-KIMIKA, HOKKAIDO

I WISH I COULD BE IN THE SAME CLASS AS HIM SO I COULD CALL HIM "HATTORI-KUN." ♥
MISSION ACCOMPLISHED
DO YOU THINK IT'S BECAUSE I'M A FATHERLY FIGURE TO THEM?
MY CLASSMATES HAVE NICKNAMED ME "DAD."
TROMP TROMP TROMP
IT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE YOU ACT LIKE AN OLD MAN

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ZWAK
USAGI IS AT THE CAPITAL?!
!!
DIDN'T YOU GET ANYTHING FROM USAGI? SHE'S AT THE CAPITAL, AFTER ALL.
SUZUNE
HOW LARGE WILL THE ARMY BE, AND WHEN WILL THEY ATTACK?
I DON'T KNOW YET
THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BE PARTICI-PATING IN THE BATTLE ITSELF...
...BUT THEY HAVE ACCEPTED THE ROLE OF LEADING THE ARMY DOWN TO IGA.
THE KOUGA NINJA ARE TAKING PART IN THE ATTACK AS WELL...?
THEY WERE SCARED THAT THEY'D MEET THE SAME FATE AS IGA IF THEY DIDN'T COOPERATE...
DIDN'T YOU KNOW, HANZO?
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE HEARD ABOUT IT!
YOU AMATEUR...
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU DON'T KEEP TRACK OF YOUR BRIDE-ELECT'S MOVEMENTS...
SHE'S WORKING AS A KUSA, POSING AS GOEMON'S WIFE AT A TEAHOUSE NEAR HONNOJI.

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I'VE NEVER MET A NINJA AS CARELESS AS YOU.
GASP
THIS IS SUCH OBVIOUS PROOF...
RIP
RIP
YOU NOTICED BACK THEN?!
BUT YOU'VE BEEN CARELESS FROM THE FIRST TIME WE MET, BACK AT AZUCHI...
EH?
NEVERTHELESS, YOU'RE STILL GOING TO MAKE TEA FOR LORD NOBUNAGA TOMORROW.
IF HE KNEW I WAS A NINJA FROM IGA ALL THIS TIME, WHY DIDN'T HE KILL ME...?
YES.
HMMMPH
...
HANZO?
YOU'RE GOING TO WAKE MOSUKE UP.
DON'T RAISE YOUR VOICE.
ZZZ
NOD
NOD
IF YOU PROMISE ME THAT YOU WON'T YELL, I'LL TAKE MY HAND AWAY.

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PLEASE REFRAIN FROM MAKING ANY STUPID MOVES.
BOOSH
AAAH
DON'T FORGET...
...YOUR LIFE IS IN MY HANDS.
VUP
WELL THEN, GOOD NIGHT.
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?!
"DON'T FORGET YOUR LIFE IS IN MY HANDS."
IS HE GOING TO KILL ME IF I TRY TO RUN?!
BUT I HAVE TO TAKE THAT INFORMATION ABOUT THE ATTACK BACK TO IGA.
WHAT SHOULD I DO, HANZO?!

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OH!
THIS HERB!!
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, USAGI?!
HOW RUDE OF YOU!
ALL OF THESE PLANTS ARE HARMLESS.
RI... RIGHT.
IS...IS THERE SOMETHING BAD...?
NOT AT ALL
I'LL BE ABLE TO MAKE THE USUAL TEA WITH THESE.
I'M GOING DOWN TO GET LORD NOBUNAGA, SO PLEASE TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING ELSE.
USAGI...
I'VE PREPARED THE THINGS YOU NEED FOR YOUR TEA!!
...THANK YOU...
TH.
THERE ISN'T ANYTHING STRANGE MIXED WITH THESE HERBS, IS THERE?
MASTER RIKYU...
USAGI, YOUR EYES ARE RED. DIDN'T YOU GET ANY SLEEP?
Y... YEAH.
A LITTLE...

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I CAN'T LET THEM FIND OUT!!
Y...YOU'RE GOING TO INTERFERE WITH THE FLAVOR OF THE TEA, SO DON'T TOUCH IT!
OUCH...
PLEASE DO...
OH,,
OF COURSE...
THEN I'M GOING TO HAVE TO VISIT YOUR SHOP "USAGI" EVERY DAY
CAN IT BE ..
..THAT YOUR TEA TASTES DIFFERENT EACH TIME?!

...AND RETURN TO HANZO'S SIDE!!

I MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET OUT OF THIS SITUATION...

SHHHK

THIS IS REALLY ENCOURAG-ING...

THAT'S THE SPIRIT, USAGI!!

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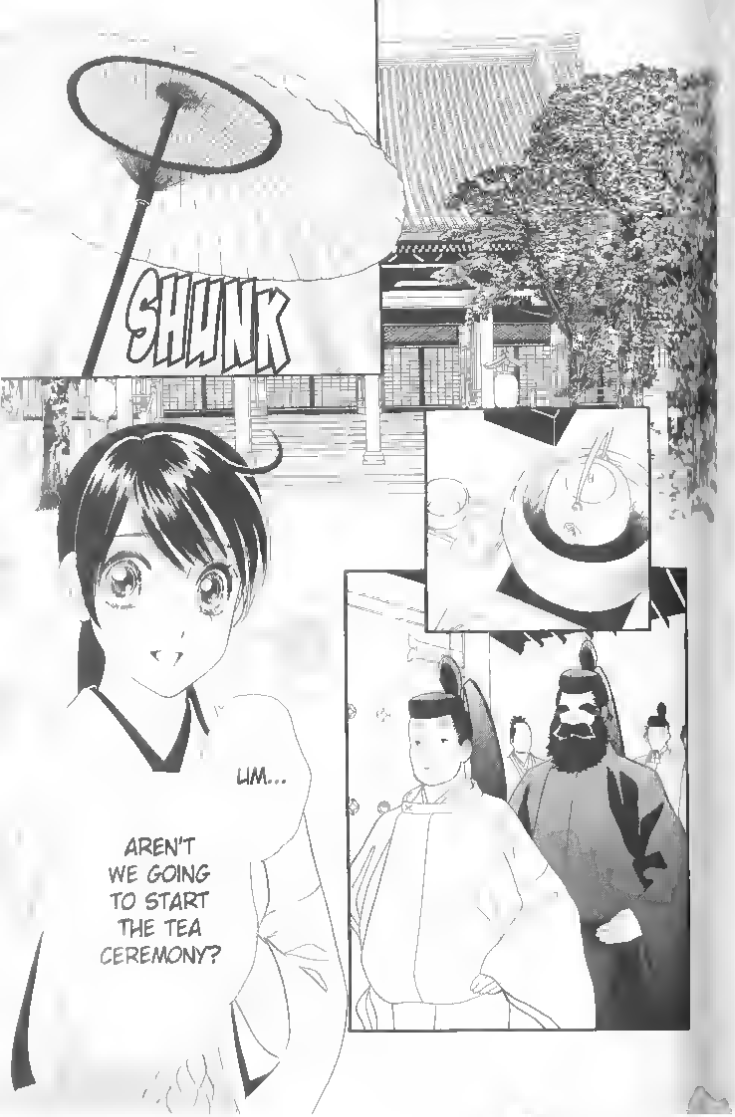

IF RANMARU KNOWS THAT I'M A NINJA, THEN HE KNOWS ABOUT THE SHOP TOO!!
YURI'S ALL ALONE AT THE SHOP!
CLOSED TEMPORARY Usagi
OH, THEY'RE CLOSED TODAY...
WHAT A PITY.

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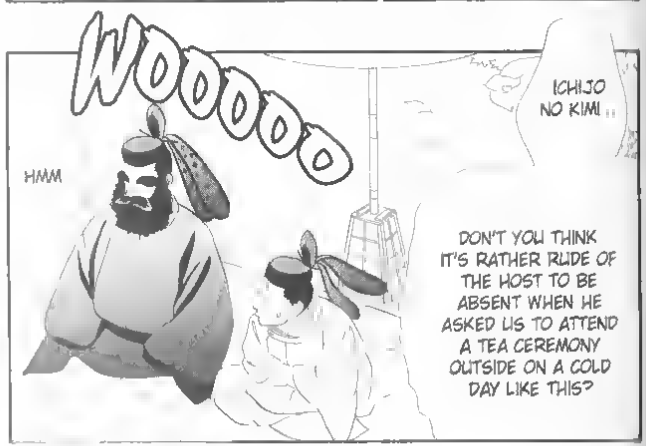
LET'S DO IT.
WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT THE HOST, CAN WE...
I'VE ALREADY MADE THE TEA FOR THIS OCCASION...
...AND THERE ARE A LOT OF GUESTS WAITING...
HE SAID HE WON'T ATTEND BECAUSE "THE WIND IS BLOWING FROM THE SOUTHEAST THIS MORNING."
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?!
THEN WHAT ABOUT THE CEREMONY?


WOOOOO
HMM
ICHIJO NO KIMI..
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S RATHER RUDE OF THE HOST TO BE ABSENT WHEN HE ASKED US TO ATTEND A TEA CEREMONY OUTSIDE ON A COLD DAY LIKE THIS?

WE HAVE SOME NOBLES ATTENDING THIS EVENT, SO WE REALLY CAN'T POSTPONE IT EITHER...
OH..
WE CAN'T START UNTIL LORD NOBUNAGA ARRIVES.

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UE-RIN'S WAY OF THE MANGA (16)

The reply from the editor came after 2-3 weeks but at the very last were pointed out) after re-drawing I had to wait for the next response to come again. I couldn't bear all that waiting anymore so I decided to send my manga to other publishers.

As for how that turned out check out the next volume!

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ERM...

...MM-HMM

ARE YOU OKAY?

THIS IS WONDER-FUL!!

TOASTY

TOASTY

DELICIOUS!

IT'S SUPERB

IT REALLY WARMS ME UP INSIDE.

YES... YES, OF COURSE.

CAN I HAVE MORE?

RIGHT AWAY!!

ME TOO!!

COUGH

HRMM...

YOU'VE BEEN UNUSUALLY SILENT TODAY, ICHIJO NO KIMI.

HERE YOU ARE. DRINK IT WHILE IT'S STILL HOT.

I'M SORRY TO HAVE KEPT YOU WAITING.

WE'VE PREPARED A SPECIAL TYPE OF TEA FOR YOU TODAY.

AREN'T YOU GOING TO BREW THE TEA LIKE YOU ALWAYS DO?

WHAT IS THIS?

IT'S A TEA MADE BY THAT GIRL USAGI OVER THERE.

...BUT SHE'S RANMARU MORI'S GIRLFRIEND.

PHOOT

WELL, THIS IS JUST BETWEEN US NOW..

AND WHO IS SHE?

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YOU SHOULD TRY SOME, RANMARU.
THE NOBLES SEEM TO LIKE YOUR TEA.
JU...
JUST GIVE IT A TRY...
I'LL HAVE SOME LATER.
SADA-NARI
IT'S TOO EARLY TO START YAWNING
HAAAH...
IT TASTES THE BEST WHEN IT'S FRESHLY BREWED...
IF YOU SAY SO...
SADA-NARI
I SUDDENLY FEEL SLEEPY...
DRINK THIS WHILE IT'S STILL HOT...

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